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SUBJECT: REGIONAL RESOURCE OFFICER TRAVEL PLANS

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES DESIRE OF REGIONAL RESOURCE OFFICER TO FULFILL HIS FUNCTIONS FULLY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PLANS SUBMITTED VIA RECENT TRANSMITTAL SLIP. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING COMMENTS APPEAR NECESSARY:

A. FISHERIES MATTERS WERE SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM RESOURCE DUTIES DURING INITIAL DEPARTMENT STUDY OF REGIONAL RESOURCE OFFICER CONCEPT. NO CHANGE HAS SINCE OCCURRED IN THIS POLICY. THEREFORE, IF POST WISHES TO PERFORM SUCH WORK ON REGIONAL BASIS, IT SHOULD DO SO OUTSIDE CONTEXT AND FUNDING OF THIS PROGRAM.

B. PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MINERALS AND PETROLEUM COVERAGE NOT BEING OBTAINED ON REGULAR BASIS THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. THEREFORE REGIONAL RESOURCE OFFICER NOT EXPECTED TO ATTEND MEETINGS (SUCH AS THOSE UNCLASSIFIED

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SPONSORED BY UNCTAD AND IEA) WHEN THESE ARE BEING COVERED BY LOCAL POST OR BY DEPARTMENT.

2. AS RESULT OF THESE FACTORS, DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO

APPROVE PROPOSED TRIP TO DENMARK ON FISHERY MATTERS. FURTHER, DEPARTMENT REQUIRES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON

SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF OTHER TRIPS LISTED IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDING UNDER PROGRAM. A SHORT TRIP TO PARIS TO DISCUSS ENERGY MATTERS WITH IEA'S HUBBARD AND WITH IEA SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL WORKING WITH EC ENERGY MATTERS COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL, WHEREAS A TRIP TO ATTEND AN INTERNATIONAL IEA MEETING WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE. CHRISTOPHER

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